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The Assembly Passed Funding for the Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission

Madison...Rep. Chuck Wichgers (R-Muskego), is proud that Assembly Bill 911 passed out of Committee on Environment and Forestry unanimously Tuesday morning. The bill also passed the State Assembly.

State statutes definition of the Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission (SEWFRC) jurisdiction stretches from the north of the city limits of Waukesha to Wisconsin-Illinois border.

"The Fox River is a huge economic resource for southeastern Wisconsin," said Rep. Wichgers. The fact that the Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission is run by volunteers, will make grant funds go much further for projects that restore the river back to its natural state.

Economically, the Fox River's impact is immeasurable. Thousands, if not tens of thousands of people visit its shores every year to enjoy its beauty. It flows through the Vernon Wildlife Area, 4,655 acres of pristine wilderness where people go for recreation. Cities, towns and villages have placed parks at its edge. Homes located near the river are in demand, adding to the property tax base and—most importantly—value to homeowners.

"This investment of \$100,000 a year will create a ripple affect across Southeastern Wisconsin, from tourism, to property values, to the beauty of the Fox River itself," said Rep. Wichgers.

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The 83th Assembly District includes portions of East Troy, Waterford, Tichigan, Big Bend, Vernon, Town of Waukesha, Muskego, Franklin and Hales Corner.